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Brazilian Police Clash With Mourners over Vargas Bier

1 Killed, 38 Wounded in Rio

RIO DE JANEIRO, Wednesday. — Military police and crowds of mourners for President Getulio Vargas clashed at the Santos Dumont airport and in downtown Rio de Janeiro today, resulting in the death of one person and injury to 38 others.

The first clash occurred at the airport as the body of the President, who shot himself yesterday, was flown to the provincial town of Sao Borja, his birthplace, for burial. The police fired over the heads of the crowd gathered around the bier, driving it back from the runway as the private plane took off.

There were no casualties at the airport, but several persons fainted.

The crowd then moved off in the direction of the business section. Here, again, they clashed with troops stationed on the steps of the Municipal Chamber. The soldiers fired a volley in the air in an attempt to disperse the people, but they came on. As the troops lowered their aim, one man was killed. Thirty-eight were injured either from bullet wounds or in the ensuing stampede.

Police Car Attacked

Prior to the clash, the crowd overturned and set fire to a police patrol car.

Government buildings, newspaper offices, radio stations and banks remained under close guard by naval and military detachments.

Earlier, hundreds of thousands of Brazilians, many of them weeping, lined the streets here today as the body of President Vargas began its journey to the Argentine border for burial.

The entire route was lined with steel-helmeted troops with fixed bayonets. Jeeps with mounted machine-guns preceded the gun carriage bearing the flag-draped, open coffin. *(UP, Reuter)*

Marginal Column

By GEORGE LEONOF

HIS first failure has shown, perhaps better than his successes, that the French Prime Minister, M. Pierre Mendes-France, is an unusual statesman. It now appears that he had had the perspicacity to anticipate that the Brussels conference might end for him in something less than triumph, and to provide against that eventuality he had arranged for an interview with Sir Winston Churchill in London even before he presented his amended European Army plan at Brussels. While the nature of his discussions with Sir Winston is not known, nor whether he managed to eke out any consolation from the British leader, by his London interlude, M. Mendes-France avoided a crestfallen, empty-handed return to Paris after his amendments to the treaty were turned down by the other five European Defence Community partners.

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POLITICS, the way the French Premier plays the game, seem happily free of Machiavellian twists. He openly stated his aims on accepting the Premiership, and he has not strayed from the declared path. Fighting has stopped in Indo-China, Tunisia has been granted a considerably increased measure of self-rule, and he has obtained from the usually grudging National Assembly the power to introduce economic reforms by decree. It is an impressive record, and the comparative ease whereby he has achieved what had eluded a long succession of cabinets before him should not detract from the brilliance of the record. Now that he is tackling the final major problem that confronted him at investiture, M. Mendes-France has remained courageous and straightforward. With Brussels behind him, on the debit side, he has resorted neither to devious political bargaining nor to the patchwork of expediency that had inevitably led to the downfall of so many of his predecessors.

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TUESDAY night's decision to present the European Defence Community treaty to the National Assembly on Saturday in its original, unpopular form may appear to have been the easy, the logical solution. One need only remember that not a single French Government in two years had dared to put the treaty to the vote. In doing so, moreover, M. Mendes-France has not deemed it possible to comply with the American request that he throw his considerable prestige behind the treaty, since he does not approve it. He has stated his position quite simply: had the Brussels conference agreed even to a substantial part of the French amendments, the Government would have been prepared to stake its existence on a confidence vote; in the circumstances, his Government would not attempt to exercise any pressure on the Assembly. It is to be one of those rare things — a pure parliamentary vote of conscience on a crucial issue in national and international politics.

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THE chances for ratification of the treaty have not increased these past two days with the growth of external pressure. The United States is quite candidly displeased, and although Secretary of State Dulles, at his Tuesday's press conference, showed the most commendable restraint in commenting on the situation, he did drop a reminder, in answer to a question, that American legislation on the books would in future deprive of American aid those countries which have not ratified the treaty. This does not mean that the U.S. will cut the flow from the panzered cornucopia to France if the Assembly turns down the treaty on Saturday, since the aid now being shipped was allocated before this legislation is to apply. It does mean, however, that the U.S. Government may discontinue allocations that are dated from January 1, 1954.

Jerusalem, August 26.

Knesset Rushes Through Bills As Recess Nears

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Knesset, in a pre-recess rush and with a minimum of debate, passed the Special Popular Loan Law, 1954, and the Regulation of Labour Inspection Law yesterday, and extended the force of the law controlling dealings in foreign exchange.

The Presidium of the Knesset has set as its goal a recess in two weeks, on September 8, but if unfinished business makes that impossible — September 15.

On Monday, the Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharett, is to make a statement on foreign policy, on which the House Committee has allotted eight hours for debate.

The chief remaining Bill to be discussed this session is that authorizing the Development Budget, which is scheduled to have its second and third readings during the week of September 6.

The House Committee has requested all parties not to present further motions for the agenda during this session.

The Bill on the regulation of labour inspection was presented yesterday by Mr. A. Govrin, Chairman of the Labour Committee. It does not change the content of existing labour laws, but brings under one law the authority of inspectors of safety and hygiene at places of work.

The law gives district labour inspectors the right to forbid the use of materials dangerous to the health of the worker. Such an order will remain in force unless nullified by the District Court.

Provision is also made for safety committees to be composed of employer and employee representatives, in shops employing 50 or more persons.

The law also sets up an institute for labour safety and occupational health, to be composed of representatives of the Government, employers, employees, and institutions having an interest in the subject.

Dr. E. Rimalt (General Zionist) raised a linguistic point during the second reading. He proposed that wherever the term *ma'avid* appeared in the Bill, it should be changed to *noten-avoda* (provider of work). *Ma'avid*, he said, did not simply mean "employer" but had a sinister connotation (slave driver). Mr. E. Shostak (Herut) endorsed the suggestion, but it failed to impress the House.

The Special Popular Loan, 1954, designed to raise IL.12.5m. for the 1954/55 Development Budget, also passed its final reading yesterday.

As previously reported in *The Jerusalem Post*, the Finance Committee changed the provision in the draft Bill under which the bonds issued would not bear interest but would participate in lotteries. The taxpayer now has his choice between an interest-bearing bond and a lottery bond.

The irrepressible Dr. Bader (Herut) had his laugh by proposing that the name of the Bill be changed to the Subsidy Refund Law.

EGYPT'S FIRST HEAVY ARMAMENT PLANT

The corner-stone of Egypt's first heavy armaments plant outside Cairo was laid on Tuesday afternoon, the Arab News Agency reported yesterday.

Until now, Egypt possessed only light arms plants maintained by German technicians. Within two years, the new plant is believed to supply the demands of Egypt and other Arab countries.

Turkey, Pakistan May Join New Arab Pact

BEIRUT, Wednesday (Reuter).— Egypt and Iraq have agreed to replace the Arab Collective Security Pact by a wider Middle East defence alliance open to be joined later by Turkey and Pakistan, according to diplomatic reports reaching here from Baghdad today.

(Major Salah Salem, Egyptian Minister of National Guidance, stated after the Iraqi talks were completed last week, that regional pacts like that between Turkey and Pakistan for mutual defence and assistance, had "no place in Arab affairs at present.")

The reports said that Major Salem and the Iraqi Prime Minister, Nuri e-Said, had agreed that Iraq should not join the existing Turko-Pakistan alliance but should enter a union with Syria.

They added that Egypt had agreed to an Iraqi-Syrian union on condition that the pro-unionists gained a parliamentary majority in Syrian elections. Diplomatic circles here believe that the agreement will have no effect until after these elections.

These circles say that Jordan will also join the Iraqi-Syrian union if it comes into being, and that the Arab League will then become an effective regional organization.

Lab. Workers Strike Ends

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — The strike of Government-employed laboratory workers ended today after two weeks of work stoppage.

At a meeting here this evening, the workers' emergency committee agreed that the Government's proposal, announced yesterday, that laboratory workers of academic status should be upgraded while the demands of other laboratory workers would be dealt with together with those of other Government workers with no academic background, was satisfactory to them. In view of this, the committee decided that there were no longer grounds for a strike.

Reorganization of Kupat Holim Considered

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — A sub-committee to investigate and recommend a possible reorganization of Kupat Holim was appointed yesterday by the Histadrut committee on the problems of Kupat Holim doctors.

Yesterday's meeting of the committee was the fourth dealing with these issues arising out of the recent dispute between the doctors and the Government.

The Committee decided that a more thorough study of Kupat Holim may result in recommendations for a more satisfactory overall arrangement for physicians and public alike.

A possible reorganization of Kupat Holim which the sub-committee is to discuss, will probably follow public health systems in Britain and Sweden. This may mean that a patient will be able to choose a physician to whom he will be attached. He will pay him privately, and the cost will be refunded to him by the Histadrut, to which he pays his dues. This will mean a new relationship between doctor and patient in the vast Israel public organization, making for less rigidity in the country's health systems.

Arabs Said Ready For 'Secret' Peace

Egypt has guaranteed to the U.S. that she is ready to negotiate with Israel to improve relations between the two countries, a highranking official of the Middle East Division of the State Department stated, according to the New York correspondent of the Damascus newspaper, "Alef Bah," this week.

This would include the settling of the question of navigation in the Suez Canal, the Gaza Strip and its future status, and fixing the southern Israel-Egypt frontier.

The U.S. is optimistic regarding future relations between Israel and Egypt, and is convinced that just as Egypt took the lead early in 1949 to sign an armistice agreement with Israel in Rhodes, she will be the first Arab state to come to a settlement with Israel, the correspondent reported.

The appointment of Mr. Henry Byroade as U.S. Ambassador to Egypt is closely connected with such U.S. projects, and he is believed to be capable of "unravelling the Israel-Arab knot."

The Arabs officially would like to see such negotiations announced as being limited to "an adjustment in Israel-Arab relations," to which the U.S. would not be unwilling. But, the official reportedly stated, such talks would actually embrace more than just normalizing the situation between Israel and the Arabs.

The correspondent quoted the U.S. official as saying, "We are ready to hide the real Arab intentions as long as the Arabs are ready to conform their policy with ours." This trend, the article said, was also discernible in the many promises Arab statesmen had unofficially given the State Department that they do not oppose resettlement of Palestine Arab refugees outside Israel territory. The major condition was that such plans should not be announced to the Arab public as permanent resettlement projects but as "temporary technical aid," which will sound much better to Arab ears.

(The "Alef Bah" is one of the leading Damascus dailies, owned and edited by the noted Issa family of journalists which founded the "Falastin" in Jaffa in 1911, and which it still edits, as well as the Jordan "El Bilad." Members of the family occupy senior posts in the news service of NEABS, as well as other Arabic papers and radio stations).

SYRIA TO ABANDON HER CLAIM TO ISKANDERUN

Syria will waive her claim to Iskandrun (Alexandretta) province, according to Kasem el Jasari, Syrian Minister to Turkey, the Old City daily "El Jihad" reported yesterday.

Cinemas Close Today In Jerusalem

Jerusalem cinemas will be closed today following a decision of the Cinema Owners' Association to carry out their one-day protest strike to force the Municipality to drop its by-law increasing the amusement tax by seven per cent. The cinemas will be reopened on Friday for the matinee performance.

Explaining the stand of the Jerusalem Municipality, a spokesman stated that even after the seven percent increase, the overall amusement tax in Jerusalem would be only 90 percent. This is 10 percent lower than throughout the country.

Two years ago, the Government decided to put a 100 per cent tax on all tickets. The proceeds were to be shared equally by the Government and the Municipalities.

In consideration of Jerusalem's financial plight, however, the Government agreed to reduce its share of the tax from 50 to 30 per cent and to permit the Municipality to charge more.

The Municipality charged 53 percent then, and now want to increase it to 60 percent. A by-law to this effect was passed a month ago by the City Council, and is awaiting Ministry of Interior approval.

The Municipality recently decided to increase its share from 53 percent to 60 percent and a by-law to this effect was passed. The by-law, submitted a month ago to the Ministry of the Interior, had neither been approved nor rejected.

New Highway To Southern Corridor

At the rate of one kilometre a month, the Department of Public Works has just completed blasting out a 14 kilometre "shortcut" through the Judean Hills, which reduces travelling-time between Jerusalem and the southern Corridor settlements from ninety minutes to thirty-five minutes. When this rough-hew highway is asphalted, the journey will take even less time — as correspondents calculated for themselves during a press-tour yesterday. About 180 labourers are now taking into shape the last stretch, building retainer walls up the sheer slope, and removing rocks where the highway joins the present road system.

Kibbutz lorries and jeeps already bump over the short cut, which has yet to be levelled and given a temporary surface. At Ein Karem, where the highway begins, houses lining the village street have been pulled down to widen the route.

Running high above the railway cutting — in some places 150 metres of steep drop — the new highway opens up beautiful and lonely hillsides enjoyed by few sightseers. The lower slopes are green with vines, and fruit trees pruned this year for the first time after years of neglect, because workers could not reach the area. *Mata'ei Ha'ooma* have taken over their care.

Stonewalls have been built along the scarp overlooking the railway, to prevent boulders from falling on the tracks. Altogether, about 4,000 cubic metres of stone construction went into the highway, and when its final phase has been reached, 300,000 cubic metres of rock will have been dynamited and moved.

French Prémier's Report to Gov't 'Torpedoes' EDC

PARIS, Wednesday (Reuter). — Premier Pierre Mendes-France reported on his failure of the Brussels conference to a joint meeting of National Assembly committees today, and one Deputy who heard him said afterwards, "We can consider that Mendes-France's report has torpedoed ratification of E.D.C."

The Assembly's debate on E.D.C. ratification starts on Saturday.

The Premier reported today to 132 Deputies forming the Assembly's Foreign Affairs, Defence and Overseas Territories Commissions.

The Deputy who commented afterwards was General Pierre Billote, right-wing ex-Gaullist.

8 Vote Against

The Assembly's Commission for Industrial Productivity tonight voted against approval of E.D.C. by 18 votes against 4, with 4 abstentions. This was the eighth Commission of the Assembly to report unfavourably on the E.D.C. project.

The Premier today told the three commissions, which represent over a quarter of the Assembly membership, that he thought the Bonn agreements restoring German civil sovereignty should be ratified whatever the decision on E.D.C. He also indicated that ratification of the Bonn agreements could, if necessary, be done by the Government without reference to Parliament.

Liberals of 14 Nations Discuss European Army

KNOKE, Belgium, Wednesday (Reuter). — Liberals of 14 nations will meet here today to consider their attitude towards the European Defence Community and Far East problems.

The four-day annual Council meeting of the Liberal International attended by 180 delegates, will be addressed on both these subjects by prominent Liberal politicians, including M. Rene Mayer, former French Premier.

Einstein To Be Host at US Jewish Student Meeting

NEW YORK, Wednesday (INA) — Prof. Albert Einstein will be host to an extraordinary conference of Jewish scholars in the country who will hold a two-day meeting to consider the financial crisis of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, according to an announcement made today by the American Friends of the Hebrew University.

Chief item on the agenda will be an effort to find ways of building a new campus for the University. The conference will convene here on September 18 and will move to Princeton, New Jersey, the next day where Prof. Einstein will join scholars and community leaders.

New Light May Be Shed on Bevin Policies

LYDDA AIRPORT, Wednesday. — A collection of writings by Chaim Weizmann in the library of Sir Louis Namier, Director of the Historical Research Department of London University, may throw new light on British foreign policy during Mr. Ernest Bevin's tenure as Foreign Secretary, Mr. B. Guriel, director of the Weizmann Archives, stated here last night on his arrival from London by El Al.

He said that he was dealing there with the forthcoming publication of the collected writings of Israel's first President.

US Eases Trade With All East Except China

WASHINGTON, Wednesday (Reuter). — America today put into effect new policies to permit more trade with Communist countries, excluding China.

The Foreign Operations Director, Mr. Harold Stassen, announced a revision in the list of goods which the U.S. believed should be withheld from the Soviet group of countries, reducing embargo items from 297 to 217.

Mr. Stassen said that there would be no change in controls over shipments to China, and that the U.S. was maintaining its ban on munitions, atomic energy items and equipment for the manufacture of arms.

Zatopeks Star As Europe Games Open

BERNE, Wednesday. — The wife-and-husband team of Dana and Emil Zatopek of Czechoslovakia today won the first two gold medals of the European games as the jury retired behind closed doors to decide who won the Marathon — a Russian or a Finn.

Zatopek won the 10,000 metre run in 28mins., 58 secs. His wife hurled the javelin 52.91 metres to clinch the first women's gold medal.

The first big incident of the championships was brewing as the Soviets lodged a stiff protest against "insufficient track arrangements" which were blamed by them for the loss of the Marathon by their ace runner, Ivan Filin.

Emil Zatopek

Filin entered the stadium first, but started to go around the track in the wrong direction. This enabled Veikko Karvonen, the 5 ft. 2 in. Finnish postman to pass him and win by 15 metres. Boris Grishaev of Russia was third. The jury will announce its decision tomorrow.

W. German Track Star Sprints East

BERLIN, Wednesday (UP). — A West German track star who refused to run in the national championships because of an expense account feud, has fled to East Germany protesting the West's "economic need," the Communists announced today.

The East German press disclosed the defection of Erich Kruzycki, former German 10,000 metre champion.

Kruzycki received West Germany's highest sports decoration from President Theodor Heuss two years ago.

US Union Leaders Impressed By Histadrut's Role in State

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — The A.F.L. and C.I.O. delegation from the U.S. is leaving Israel at the end of this week, filled with admiration for the Histadrut and the part it plays in the State, Mr. Phil Hanna and Mr. Harry Block, spokesmen for the group, told the Press here today. The delegation has been touring the country for the past nine days as guests of the Israel Labour Federation.

Upon their return to the U.S., the visitors will present reports to their organizations, and will probably lecture to local branches describing their experiences. The reports will form the basis for future pro-Israel resolutions at organization congresses.

What appears to have impressed the visitors most here are the manifold activities of the Histadrut, going far beyond what is done in the U.S. or elsewhere, though, in the U.S. both labour federations are now trying to increase their activities to help workers in "out of work" hours. The spokesmen said that they had been especially struck by the close cooperation between the "National Government, the Labour Party and the Labour Federation here" which, they said, were all working for a common purpose. The Histadrut was helping to create industry from nothing, while Israelis in general appeared ready to make sacrifices for the common good.

As well as differing in their approach to the best way to stamp out Communist philosophy in the U.S. the spokesmen for the two groups differed in the methods they considered should be used, the A.F.L. appearing to take a more active line, supporting the recent outlawing of the Party in the U.S.

American labour is greatly interested in the security of Israel, Mr. Hanna said in reply to a question, and the delegation would attempt to use its influence to help Israel in this respect.

The group visited the Va'ad Hapoel building here today and attended a long meeting with the Histadrut's secretariat. Mr. M. Namir, the Histadrut Secretary General, and members of the secretariat answered questions put to them, dwelling at length on problems concerning Israel's foreign relations, the economic situation and the attitude of the working population to those questions.

Rhee to Leave Army Under US Control

TOKYO, Wednesday (UP). — President Syngman Rhee has agreed to leave his Army under the operational control of the U.N. Command even after the U.S. withdrawal leaves only a token force of two U.S. and one Allied division in Korea, an authoritative source said today.

Thus, the check on Mr. Rhee's threat to renew the Korean war will remain, but the present tight restrictions on his U.S.-furnished military supplies will be relaxed.

It was also indicated that Mr. Rhee had failed to win U.S. acceptance of his demand for doubling his already large Army of 20 divisions and creation of a large jet air force.

Vietminh Refuse Pow's For Lack of Transport

SAIGON, Wednesday (Reuter). — The Vietminh High Command is refusing to accept prisoners of war returned to them by the French because of inland transport difficulties, the French High Command said today.

Four thousand Vietminh prisoners have waited several days aboard French ships off the Vietminh-controlled coastal town of Samson in north Vietnam. Two thousand others at sea bound for Samson will now land at the Central Vietnam port of Tourane where they will wait until the Vietminh can receive them.

Biggest Hadassah Convention Ends

By JESSE ZEL LURIE,
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW YORK, Wednesday.—The biggest Hadassah convention in years ended today with the re-election of officers headed by the President, Mrs. Herman Shulman.

More than 5,000 persons jammed the Waldorf-Astoria Grand Ballroom and several overflow rooms yesterday evening to see fashions designed by the Seligsberg girls.

At the closing banquet tonight, Brig.-Gen. Telford Taylor, Chief U.S. Prosecutor at the Nuremberg trials, castigated Congress and President Eisenhower's approval to outlaw the Communists. "The major defeat in the cold war is all the more tragic because it is self-inflicted," he said.

The keystone of U.S. foreign policy in Germany, Korea and elsewhere, Gen. Taylor explained, is free elections. Now the Communists will try to prove that free elections are a pretext, opposing unification of Germany because America does not allow free elections at home.

It was tragically unnecessary, Gen. Taylor added, because the Communists could never elect anyone in the U.S.

Governor Theodore R. McKeldin of Maryland, told the Convention that Israel-Arab peace should be the cornerstone of America's Middle East policy.

Fatal Accident Near Metulla

One man was killed and two others were seriously injured in a traffic accident on Tuesday on the Rosh Pina-Metulla road.

Arnon Baruch of Mahanayim, the driver of a truck, was killed when his vehicle collided with a truck driven by Moshe Laufer of Kibbutz Neot Mordechai. Laufer was seriously wounded. The injured passenger was Avraham Greenspan. The injured were taken to Schweitzer Hospital in Tiberias.

CURRENCY CIRCULATION DROPS

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — Currency in circulation dropped by IL.3,125,800 last week to IL.154,347,430 at the close of banking business this evening. Treasury bills declined by IL.3,030,000, to IL.45,220,000, foreign currency reserves dropped by IL.91,800 to IL.31,853,430; and land bills dropped by IL.4,000 to IL.77,274,000. This was the first change in land bills since May 26.

President Ben-Zvi Sends Condolences

President Itzhak Ben-Zvi has cabled a message of consolation to the new President of Brazil, Mr. Jao Cafe Filho on the death of President Getulia Vargas.

The Deputy Chief of Protocol Mr. A. Gilboa, expressed the condolences of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Moshe Sharett to the Brazilian Charge d'Affaires in Tel Aviv.

Persons wishing to express their condolences on the death of President Vargas may register their names at the Brazilian Legation, 27 Rehov Hagalil, Ramat Gan, daily from 8.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.

PARTY REFUSES EVATT 'LEAVE OF ABSENCE'

CANBERRA, Wednesday (Reuter). — The Australian Parliamentary Labour opposition group today rejected an executive recommendation to grant their leader, Dr. Herbert Evatt, "leave of absence" while he is attending the Royal Commission on Espionage, according to Labour Party sources.

Former Premier Evatt has been absent from Parliament while appearing before the Commission on behalf of two of his staff called as witnesses.

At the Commission hearing in Sydney today, Dr. Evatt declared that there had been a conspiracy to injure him by defaming his staff. Document "J" was said to have been compiled in the Soviet Embassy by Mr. Alan Dalziel, his secretary, and Mr. Albert Grundeman, his assistant secretary, as informants of the Russians, he said.

PAUKER TRIAL SAID SET FOR SEPTEMBER

LONDON, Wednesday, (INA).— Unconfirmed reports in the Yugoslav Press stated that Anna Pauker will be tried in Bucharest next month together with former Finance Minister Vasile Luca, on the charge of "deliberately infiltrating hostile elements into the Party and into the State's administration.

Burns to Meet MAC Delegates Of Israel, Jordan Separately

General E.L.M. Burns, the new Truce Supervision Organization Chief of Staff, will meet the Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharett, at the Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem at noon today.

This meeting will follow the General's visit to the Chief of Staff, Rav-Aluf Moshe Dayan, in Tel Aviv this morning.

General E.L.M. Burns has arranged his introduction to the Jordan and Israel delegates to the Mixed Armistice Commission at two separate meetings this afternoon in view of the Israel Government's unreadiness to participate in such a meeting within the framework of a MAC session.

The U.N. spokesman disclosed that the Jordan delegates would see General Burns at four p.m. in the M.A.C. building at Mandelbaum Gate, while their Israel counterparts would have the opportunity of making the General's acquaintance an hour later at T.S.O. headquarters, Government House.

Due to a typographical error, *The Jerusalem Post* reported yesterday that the invitation to a meeting with General Burns had been returned unopened to T.S.O. headquarters by the Israel M.A.C delegation. The letter was in fact returned open.

Introduced by his predecessor, General Vagn Bennike, the Chief of Staff spent a few hours in Amman yesterday conversing with the Jordan Premier, Tewfik Abu'l Huda; the Defence Minister, Anwar Nuseibeh, and the acting Foreign Minister. General Burns was accompanied by his political adviser, Mr. H. Vigier, and his aide, Colonel R. Hommel.

Mr. F. Cremona, a political adviser to the T.S.O., has resumed his post after absence on leave, and has also temporarily taken over the duties of Press Officer, a post vacated by the recent tragic death of Mr. Hamilton Fisher. Israel correspondents, therefore, are without adequate sources of information, as Mr. Cremona is available for only two hours daily due to the fact that he lives in the Old City of Jerusalem.

The situation in force before Mr. Fisher arrived has thus overtaken newspapermen on both sides of the frontier.

The Old City daily, "Falastin," complained yesterday that in the past Mr. Cremona had not held a single press conference and had not maintained contact with Jordan correspondents. The paper feared a resumption of this unsatisfactory arrangement.

Egyptians Fire on Japanese Ship Near Akaba Gulf

SINGAPORE, Wednesday (Reuter). — The captain of a Japanese freighter claimed today that an Egyptian naval patrol had fired on his ship and boarded her in the Enterprise Channel leading into the Gulf of Eilat last month.

"The shell fell uncomfortably close," he said.

In a press interview in Singapore, Captain Matsumura of the 6,345-ton Taksumiya Maru, stated that he was nearly one kilometre up the channel from the Red Sea on July 27 when the shell was fired.

An Egyptian naval party came aboard and ordered him out of the channel. He added that they questioned him and searched his ship for more than two hours. He was allowed to proceed after giving an assurance that he was bound for Akaba and not Israel, the captain concluded.

Israel Releases Lebanese Ship

The Lebanese ship, "Nabila," which was intercepted in Israel territorial waters, while on its way from Gaza to Beirut, by an Israel coastal patrol vessel on Tuesday, was released from Haifa Port yesterday and permitted to continue on its way with all 25 persons on board.

BILL TO REGULATE LAWS OF EVIDENCE

A bill making it a criminal offence for the police to attempt to extract information illegally from detained or accused persons will shortly be presented to the Government by the Minister of Justice. It will contain regulations which will guarantee that the statement of an accused person given of his own free will may be used as evidence against him in Court.

The Ministry of Justice drew up the bill after the Knesset, dealing with a draft law for military justice, had asked that the Government speed up certain portions of a bill dealing with laws of evidence. It also will bring into law the British judges' regulations which are used in this country.

Search for Missing Policeman Continues

RAMLE, Wednesday. — Police, aided by trackers and dogs, started a widespread search today for the border policeman who disappeared two days ago while on a patrol in this area.

The police believe that the missing man either fell into a well or was kidnapped by Jordanians. (Itim)

The Jerusalem Post

Why have Reparations from Germany gone so smoothly while thousands of individual Jewish claims have gone unheard at Bonn?

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Social & Personal

The President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi yesterday entertained to dinner Knesset Members Saleh Khnefess, Faris Hamdan, Jaber Mu'addi and Mas'ad Kassis, Mr. S. Divon, Adviser on Arab affairs in the Prime Minister's Office, Sgan Aluf Yitzhak Shany, Director, Military Government, Ministry of Defence, Dr. Z. Hirschberg of the Ministry for Religious Affairs, Mr. Aharon Cohen of the Histadrut's Arab Department, Sgan Aluf Yosef Carmel, adjutant, and Mr. Moshe Piamenta, Arabic interpreter to the Knesset.

President Itzhak Ben-Zvi yesterday received Aluf-Mishne Katriel Salamon, who has been appointed Military Attache in Washington, and Mrs. Salamon. The President also received Mr. A. Gottlieb, Director of the Jewish National Fund in Canada.

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The Brazilian Legation in Israel announces that beginning today, August 26, 1954, a book will be opened at their offices at 27 Rehov Hagalil, Ramat Gan, for signatures of all those who are mourning the death of the former Brazilian President, Getulio Vargas.

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The Minister of Posts, Dr. Yosef Burg, received Mr. L. Post, a member of the San Francisco committee of the American Christian Palestine Committee, yesterday.

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In reply to numerous enquiries, the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra states that the "special subscription" concerts will take place as usual next season in Tel Aviv and Haifa. They will open in Tel Aviv on October 17 and in Haifa on November 19. Due to the European tour, there will be no individual concerts.

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ARRIVALS: The Hon. Edwin Samuel from a short visit to Britain (by BOAC); Mr. A. Schneour, who led the Israel basketball team to the European championship matches, from vacation in Turkey (El Al) to train the selected eleven in preparation for their Brazil visit; Had Gadya, former Jerusalem painter, by s.s. Artsa, for an extended stay during which she will have exhibitions of her recent works. She is staying with her daughter, Mrs. G. Cifrony, in Jerusalem.

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DEPARTURES: Prof. Ben Zion Dinur, Minister of Education and Culture, by El Al for New York, accompanied by Mrs. Dinur and their daughter, for a six-week visit to four Jewish and non-Jewish educational institutions; Dr. E. Heilbronner, the Medical Director of the Society for Crippled Children, and Mrs. Heilbronner for Europe on behalf of the Society; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Elston, on a two-month vacation in Britain; Mr. Zvi Yehieli, of the Shoham management, to attend the launching of the s.s. Dagon in Hamburg on Friday (by BOAC); and Mr. Yochanan Meroz, to take up his new post as First Secretary at the Israel Embassy in Washington (by El Al).

Where to go

JERUSALEM

★ **Exhibitions:**—
Department of Antiquities. Special exhibition: Excavations of a Cana'anite Temple on the seashore of Nahariya (XVIIIth-XVIth centuries B.C.E.), 25 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech. Open 9-1, 4-6. (Fridays 9-1, Saturdays, 10-1).
Craftsmanship at the Dawn of History, exhibition of Chalcolithic vessels, water colours and drawings by Jules Pascin. Exhibit of the month: Pottery, watercolours by Paul Klee, display of three panels "Views of Old Jerusalem," National Museum Bezalel, 9-1, 3-6 p.m.
Paintings, Sculpture and Applied Art by Zahara, Louise, and Bezalel Schatz, and gallery of Jerusalem Artists, Jerusalem Artists' House, 10-1, 4-7 p.m.
"Conquest of the Desert" permanent exhibition at the former Israel pavilion of the International "Conquest of the Desert" exhibition, 10-1, 4-6 p.m.

★ **Film Shows:**—
Keren Hayesod, for tourists and visitors, 11.30 a.m.

TEL AVIV

★ **Lecture:** —
Professor Mazar, of Philadelphia, will lecture at the Tel Aviv Municipal Maternity Hospital, 8.30 p.m., under the auspices of the Israel Society of Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

★ **Exhibitions:**—
Paintings by Mane Katz, also "Modern French Art", exhibition of colour reproductions, Museum, 10-1, 4-7 p.m.

★ **Theatre:**—
Chamber Theatre, summer recess until Sept. 6, 1954.

HAIFA

★ **Exhibitions:**—
Modern Mexican Graphic, Municipal Museum of Modern Art, Town Hall, 10-1, 4-6 p.m.

★ **Theatre:**—
Habimah, "The Crucible," Orah Theatre, 8.30 p.m.

PETAH TIKVA

★ **Theatre:**—
Habimah, "The Golem," 8.30 p.m.

RAMAT GAN

★ **Theatre:**—
Do-Re-Mi, "Silva, The Csardas Princess," Rama Hall, 8.30 p.m.

EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

JERUSALEM: Alba, Zion Square, 1702.
TEL AVIV: Kohlberg, 23 Allenby, [illegible]. Moscovici, 25 King George, [illegible]. Yehuda Halevi, 51 Yehuda Halevi, 5159. Ben Yehuda, 142 Ben Yehuda, [illegible]. Hatikva, Hatikva Qtr. 67404. **JAFFA:** [illegible], 19 Rehov 4, [illegible]. **B'NEI BRAK:** Hirshbein, Rehov [illegible]. **RAMAT GAN:** Hygea, 61 Arlosoroff. **RAMAT YITZHAK:** [illegible], 13 Yerushalayim.
HAIFA: Hadar, 11 Hanevi'im, [illegible]. Anglo-American, 29 Ha'atzmaut, [illegible]. **K. YAM MOTZKIN:** [illegible]

EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS

JERUSALEM: Dr. Weinberg, 40 Ussishkin, [illegible]. Dr. Y. Shore, 36 Rehov Rashi.
TEL AVIV: Dr. M. [illegible], 1 [illegible], [illegible]. Dr. N.L. [illegible], 145 Dizengoff, [illegible]. Dr. I. Grifeld, 3 Ben Yehuda, [illegible]. **JAFFA:** Dr. Alcalai, 65 Rehov 4.
HAIFA: Dr. A. [illegible], 67 Herzl, [illegible]. Dr. H. Sherman, 1 Hanevi'im, [illegible]. Dr. Landau, 4 Mahanayim, [illegible]

No Violence On Goa—Nehru

NEW DELHI, Wednesday (Reuter). — The Prime Minister, Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, said in a foreign policy statement today that India would not use or advocate the use of violence over the Portuguese Indian territory of Goa.

In a speech to the House of the People (lower house) he promised that if Portuguese Indian possessions were merged with India they would get full religious freedom and freedom of expression.

Their sense of being a territorial group would also be respected. Regarding French-Indian settlements, Mr. Nehru said that the consummation of his hopes for a peaceful settlement of the problem by their transfer to India was near.

Mr. Nehru said that India would not participate in the SEATO talks.

Mr. Nehru said he was "apprehensive" that the Southeast Asian treaty talks might do more harm than any good they might hope to do in the future.

On the Portuguese settlements, Mr. Nehru said, "This is entirely a Goan movement, popular and indigenous. It has been countered by the authorities in time-honoured but discredited methods of colonial assertion, repression and authority, coupled with a denial of the inherent right of a people to their freedom and self determination.

"Goa and India form one country. As a result of foreign conquest various parts of India came under colonial domination. Historical developments brought almost the entire country under British rule. The movement for freedom of India was not confined to any one part of the country. Its objective was freedom of the entire sub-continent. Our historic process of liberation cannot be completed until the remaining small pockets of foreign rule are released from colonial subjugation."

Dog Saves Infant From Rubbish Pile

JOHANNESBURG, Wednesday (Reuter). — The pet dog of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Miller of Primrose, near Johannesburg, came home with a newly-born African baby in its mouth and placed it at her feet, she reported.

The baby, which is now doing well in hospital, was believed to have been abandoned by its mother at a nearby rubbish heap.

Formosa Flies Aid To Yangtze Flood Victims

TAIPEH, Formosa, Wednesday (Reuter). — Chinese Nationalist planes last night dropped relief food and supplies in the Yangtze River flood-stricken area of Communist China, it was announced here today.

A Nationalist Airforce spokesman said a "gigantic" formation of aircraft took part in the relief mission. All returned to base without loss.

Tito Accepts Flood Aid from US

DENVER, Wednesday (Reuter) — Yugoslavia has accepted President Eisenhower's offer of a share in a $4m. American relief programme for European flood victims, the "Summer White House" announced today.

President Eisenhower's offer to provide surplus food went several weeks ago to Danube river and tributary area countries west and east of the iron curtain.

RICH ARAB BOYS

A bitter denunciation of the lack of real nationalist feeling among well-to-do Palestinian Arab youths is contained in the editorial of this week's "A-Saareh". The Old City paper complains that young *effendis* were dodging service in the National Guard under 100 different pretences. The youths were healthy and strong and were simply trying to evade their national obligations.

YANKEES SHAVE INDIANS' LEAD

NEW YORK, Wednesday (UP) — The Yankees are not dead by a long shot, and they proved it last night by chipping a full game off Cleveland's lead with a 9-2 triumph over the Orioles while the Indians were licked by the Athletics, 4-1.

In inflicting the 13th straight defeat upon the last-place Orioles, the Yankees shaved the Indians' lead to 4-½ games. Yogi Berra, who had gone to bat 15 consecutive times without a hit, snapped out of his slump by driving in three of New York's runs with a homer and a single. Hank Bauer and Joe Collins also had two hits apiece to help in dealing Don Larsen his 17th setback.

Southpaw Whitey Ford was credited with his 14th victory, although he was relieved by Allie Reynolds in the sixth after he suffered a strain in his forearm. Rookie John Gray, of the Athletics, cooled off the Red-hot Indians by limiting them to four hits, while his team mates got to starter Mike Garcia for all four of their runs. Philadelphia scored its first run in the opening frame, then rallied for three more in the third with the help of errors by Jim Hegan and Bobby Avila.

Jack Harshman registered his 12th victory while pitching the White Sox to a 4-0 decision over the Senators. Harshman held Washington to four hits, struck out 10 men and aided his own cause with his second homer of the season. Dean Stone was the loser.

Win for McCarthy

LONDON, Wednesday (UP). — The British featherweight champion, Sammy McCarthy, beat Enrico Macale, Italy, when the referee halted the bout in the fifth of a scheduled 10-round bout at the Clapton Stadium here last night.

Britain Hoping For A Heat Wave

LONDON, Wednesday (Reuter). — Unless a heat wave next week comes to the rescue, this summer may prove to be Britain's worst in more than 100 years. Weather experts added that there was no reason why the weather should change. Records going back to 1841 show there have been equally wet summers and other years with the same lack of sunshine as this year, but investigators are still looking for a summer with the same rainy and sunless combination as 1954.

British Contractors To Maintain Suez Base

CAIRO, Wednesday (Reuter). — The biggest single job of the British civilian contractors who will take over the maintenance of the Suez Canal Zone military base after the British Army leaves will be the building of a new township. This was said today by Sir John Duncanson, chairman of the National Research Development Council and the head of an 18-man survey mission which has just returned to Cairo after 12 days at the base.

He said contractors would be bringing out technicians and their families and "something of a town council" would have to be formed.

He could not give the number of technicians to be employed but said the takeover could be effected in a fairly short time. But he added "its quite a big job." The survey mission is flying back to London tomorrow to report to the Federation of British Industries.

British industry was looking forward to helping Egypt carry out her development programme including a £200m. new high dam on the Nile at Aswan, chemical factories and other production schemes.

Lebanon Must Find Own $100m. for Litani Project

WASHINGTON, Wednesday (INA). — The blueprint for the river development project in Lebanon has been completed by American Point Four Programme technicians, but the Lebanese will have to find their own $100m. to make this plan a reality, it was made known here yesterday.

After a three-year survey by the Point Four mission, a Litani River hydro-electric project was developed which would have doubled Lebanon's per capita consumption of electricity and would have provided irrigation for an additional 200,000 dunams. The project would have taken 25 years to complete.

However, the Lebanese authorities have been informed, according to the disclosure, that this is as far as the U.S. is willing to go on this project.

Moscow Moslems Want To Study in Cairo

CAIRO, Wednesday (Reuter). — Moslems from the Soviet Union visiting Cairo after a pilgrimage to Mecca today spoke of the need to send students to Al Azhar Islamic University in Cairo.

Sheikh Abdel Rahman Tag, rector of the 1,000-year-old University, said it was possible "through diplomatic channels" to send study missions. Twenty-one Russian Moslems, including two women made the Mecca pilgrimage.

Church Membership In US Hits Record

NEW YORK, Wednesday (Reuter). — The National Council of Churches reports that church membership in the United States has reached an all-time record with six out of every 10 Americans enrolled in some house of worship.

In 1953, Protestant churches, which claim 58.9% of American church-goers, increased membership by three per cent. Roman Catholic churches showed a four per cent gain while Jewish congregations kept the same total as in 1952 — 5 million members, or nearly 100% of the total Jewish population.

Giardello Regains Top 'Ring' Rating

NEW YORK, Wednesday (UP). Joey Giardello, of Philadelphia, regained the top position among contenders in the busy middleweight division today in the "Ring" magazine's monthly ratings.

He rose from second place because of Rocky Castalani's defeat by champion Carl (Bobo) Olson in their recent title fight. Cleveland Rocky dropped to second rung.

Giardello had been top man when upset by Pierre Langlois at Madison Square Garden in May. That defeat cost him the number one perch.

Sad news came from the welterweight ratings, which dropped veteran Billy Graham of New York out of the top 10 for the first time since 1947. His loss to Chris Christensen, of Denmark, caused the elimination. Carmen Basilio, of Canastota, N.Y., still heads the Welter contenders.

In the lightweight division, Ralph Dupas — only 19 — rose from third to second, just behind ex-champ Jimmy Carter.

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The National Bond Delegation which arrived early yesterday morning at Lydda represents leaders in the sale of Israel Bonds from the United States and Canada.

The delegates lunched with the Minister of Development, Dr. Dov Joseph, at the King David Hotel, and met with the Minister of Finance, Mr. Levi Eshkol, in the evening at the Touring Club. Dr. Avraham Biran, District Representative, spent part of the afternoon with the group on a tour of the capital.

Members of the group are:

Mr. Leo Bernstein, of New York, (not shown), National Director of the State of Israel Bond Organization; Mr. Alex Betcherman, of Ottawa, member of the National Executive of the Zionist Organization of Canada, and of the Ottawa Board of Trades; Mr. David Canter, of Jersey City, N.J., Executive Member of the Israel Bond Committee, U.J.A. and Jewish Community Centre; Mr. Raymond Chasan, of Jersey City, N.J., member of the Board of Governors of the Bonds and U.J.A., member of the National Board of Histadrut Campaign, Tax Commissioner of Jersey City, former president of the Bar Association, and lecturer at Rutgers University Law School; Mr. Manuel Cominsky, of Utica, N.Y., (not shown), Bond Chairman for Utica and Initial Gifts Chairman of U.J.A.; Mr. Peter S. Goldstein, of Detroit, Mich., a member of the National Board of Governors; Mr. Nathan S. Jacobson, of Baltimore, Maryland, an active leader for Bonds; Mr. Harold Miller, of Chicago, (not shown), Bond Chairman of the Labour Zionist Organization of Chicago, on the Board of Directors of the Jewish National Fund and President of the Southside Chamber of Commerce; Mr. Henry Rosenbaum, of Plainfield, N.J. former President of the Zionist Region of New Jersey of the Community Council, former member of the United States Draft Board and National Executive of Z.O.A., founder of the Z.O.A. of Plainfield, N.J.; Mr. Albert L. Sklar, of Baltimore, Maryland, former member of the Maryland House of Delegates and now General Assemblyman, former member of the Tax Revision Commission and Post-War Development Commission of Maryland and present Chairman of Public Service Revision Commission; Mr. Alex Temkin, of Madison, Wisc. leader in Zionist and Jewish community organizations; Mr. Laurence A. Weinstein, of Madison, Wisc., Bond Chairman for Madison, U.J.A. chairman for Wisconsin; Mr. Solomon Zelikovitz, of Ottawa, Canada, member of the National Executive of the Zionist Organization of Canada, and Mr. Philip Zinman, of Camden, N.J., Chairman of the National Bond delegation, Israel Bond Chairman for New Jersey.

$23m. in Bonds Sold in '54

Fears that the market would be flooded with Israel Independence Bonds after the first issue became convertible have proved unfounded. Mr. Julian B. Venezky, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Israel Bond Organization, told a press conference in Jerusalem yesterday. Mr. Henry Montor, Vice-President of the Bond Drive, also participated.

Mr. Venezky pointed out that since Bonds became negotiable in May, $2,098,000 of the first issue had been exchanged for the new Development Bonds while only $890,000 were turned in for freely convertible Bearer Bonds.

This, he said, demonstrated the great interest of American Jewry in supporting Israel economically and politically.

This year, $23m. in bonds were sold, which was slightly more than for the corresponding period last year. He drew attention to the fact that the recent $18 million loan from the Bank of America had been obtained with the help of the Bond Drive and would be repaid entirely from the proceeds of the sale of Bonds.

(A $12m. first instalment of an $18m. loan was received from the Bank of America on Tuesday by representatives in the U.S. of the Finance Ministry, a Government spokesman revealed in Jerusalem yesterday).

Sales to Europe

Mr. Venezky described Bond Drive activities in Europe. In the Netherlands 2 million guilders worth of bonds ($660,000) have been sold and permission has been granted by the Dutch Government to sell another 2 million guilders worth with a possible 2 million more later. The Amsterdam Jewish Community alone had pledged to sell $1 million in Bonds.

In addition, about $500,000 in Bonds have been sold in Switzerland and Bond sales were soon to start in Belgium and Tangiers. Arrangements are also being made for the sale of Bonds in Britain, France and Sweden. Bonds sold in soft currency countries are not convertible, but the proceeds are at Israel's disposal in the respective local currencies.

The total annual budget for all fund-raising activities did not exceed $7 million, Mr. Venezky added.

Mr. Montor said that when the Bond Drive entered a new country, the local Zionist organization was generally apprehensive lest this would lead to a sharp decline in U.J.A. funds. This, however, was not the case, as the Bond Drive often opened new fields for Appeal collections. Moreover, the Bond Drive management insisted that all its leaders contribute to the U.J.A.

Mr. Montor added that the Jewish Agency had opposed the sale of Bonds because it feared a decline in Appeal revenue, and because it did not want the State of Israel to have an independent source of funds.

However, the Bond Drive was keeping close relations with the Agency. Mr. Montor stated that he had asked the Agency Chairman, Mr. Berl Locker, to visit South America on behalf of the Bond Drive.

THE JERUSALEM RELIGIOUS Council has notified the Municipality that if money due them from the budget is not paid within the next few days, services rendered by the Council might be stopped.

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LAW REPORT

THE JERUSALEM POST

August 26, 1954

In the Supreme Court Sitting as Court of Civil Appeal
Before: Justices Agranat, Sussman, Landau
S. Bader, Appellant v. P. Buchman and F. Shulein, Respondents
(C.A. 47/51)

BILLETEE MUST VACATE PREMISES

The appellant, Mr. S. Bader, had occupied a shop in a building belonging to the brothers Khayat, in Haifa. When the building was requisitioned in 1944 by the Mandatory Government, Mr. Bader was billeted on the respondents according to Section 72B of the Defence Regulations, 1939. At first he paid the rent for the portion of the respondent's cafe which was allotted to him to the District Commissioner who passed it on to the cafe owners. After 1945, by arrangement with the District Commissioner, he paid what, for want of a suitable word, was termed "rent" directly to the respondents who agreed to accept this payment after making it quite clear that they had no intention of entering into any contract of lease with the appellant.

The original billeting notice which had been for a period of six months, had been renewed several times by the District Commissioner, the last renewal expiring in November, 1947. When the billeting notice was not renewed, the respondents continued to receive rent from the appellant since, as a result of an exchange of letters between them and the District Representative, who replaced the District Commissioner, it was apparent that they could not oust Mr. Bader without the District Representative's express consent. The latter expressed the wish that Mr. Bader should be allowed to occupy that part of the respondents' premises in which he had been billeted until the fate of the Khayat building was decided.

When the Khayat building was de-requisitioned and the District Representative had informed the respondents that there was nothing to prevent Mr. Bader from returning to his former shop, they demanded that he vacate their premises, and refused to accept the rental.

The respondents were granted an eviction order by the Haifa Magistrate's Court against Mr. Bader, who appealed against this decision to the Haifa District Court and lost his appeal. He thereupon appealed to the Supreme Court before which he was represented by Mr. N. Lifshitz.

Appeal Before Supreme Court

The Supreme Court, in a judgment delivered by Justice Landau, dealt with only two of Mr. Lifshitz's arguments, after dismissing the rest out of hand. Mr. Lifshitz argued, firstly, that the fact that the respondents had continued to accept rent from the appellant after the expiry of the billeting order indicated that there was an implied contract of lease between the parties, which made the appellant a statutory tenant when this implied contract ceased to exist.

To this, the Court replied that it was not essential to conclude that, if a person was in exclusive occupation of premises, by permission of the owner and in return for a monthly consideration, this person must necessarily be a tenant. This was not necessarily so even if the monthly payment made by the occupier was termed "rent" by both parties, as long as the clear intention of the parties, as evinced from all the other circumstances, was not to establish the legal relationship of tenancy.

The court, after analyzing the difference between tenancy and possessory licence according to English law and after quoting at length from Marcroft Wagons v. Smith (1951, 2 K.B. 271)—a case which was very similar to the one under consideration — concluded that the fact that rent was accepted during the course of a short interim period did not imply the existence of a state of tenancy but indicated that the appellant had a possessory licence only from the respondents, and was, therefore, not a statutory tenant and so not protected by the Rent Restrictions Ordinance.

The court dismissed Mr. Lifshitz's second argument in which he claimed protection for his client according to Section 30 (b) of the law to settle the acquisition of property in times of emergency. It held that a similar argument had already been rejected by the Supreme Court in C.A. 71/49.

The appeal was therefore dismissed and the appellant ordered to pay costs.

Reasoned judgment delivered on August 17, 1954.

For the Appellant: Mr. N. Lifshitz.

For the Respondents: Messrs. A. Lewitsky & P. Margolin.

Israel to See Exhibit Of American Paintings

WASHINGTON, Wednesday (INA). — Israel will be among the 64 nations which will see a special art exhibition later this year, it was announced today. The exhibition will consist of a collection of 41 mounted paintings entitled, "Highlights of American Paintings."

The collection covers the entire range of American painting from the late 19th century to the present. The paintings are on their way overseas for exhibition later this year.

Israel's exhibition will be managed by U.S. Embassy, Consulates, and information centres.

Notice to the Public

STATE LOANS ADMINISTRATION
Drawing of War Loan (Bearer Bonds) 1944 1st issue
The 40th Drawing of the War Loan will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 1, 1954, at 10 a.m. at the "Ohel Shem" Hall, 30 Rehov Balfour, Tel Aviv.
Entrance free.
The public is welcome.

ON THE AIR

JERUSALEM: 467 M.; HAIFA: 269 M.; TEL AVIV: 33.3, 45.9 & 333 M.

FIRST PROGRAMME

NEWS: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30, 6.00, 6.15, 8.30 and 11.00 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 8 a.m., 2.15 & 6.30 p.m.

6.30 a.m. Service. 6.35 Exercises. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.10 Morning Melodies (R). 7.45 Oriental Music (R). 8.30 Close Down.

12.00 N. Programme for Factory Workers (Haifa). 12.30 Housewives' Corner. 12.50 Requests (R). 1.50 Folk Songs (R). 3.00 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Mif'al Ha'payis Draw. 4.15 Light Music. 4.30 Where to Go (Jerusalem). 5.00 Mif'al Ha'payis Draw. 5.30 Child's Corner. 7.00 Concert Hall: Suite No. 2 for Flute & Strings (Bach); Concerto for Piano & 9 Instruments (Lambert); "L'Apprenti Sorcier" (Dukas). 8.00 Press Conference. 8.24 Bible Reading. 8.45 The Knesset and its Committees. 9.15 Piano Duets: Aviedor Reis & Karel Berent. 9.45 Variety Programme. 10.15 Light Music by Kol Yisrael Orchestra. 10.40 Night Music (R). 11.05 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME
460, 228, 718, 48.9 M.

English News: 1.45 p.m., 10.15 p.m. French News: 2.00 p.m.

IMMIGRANTS HOUR (33.3, 34.9 & 469 M.): 7.15 p.m. Programme for Yemenites. French: 7.30 p.m. Ladino: 8.00 p.m. Yiddish: 8.45 p.m.

KOL ZION LAGOLA: (33.8 M.): 12.00 p.m. News, Newsreel. 12.30 Wind Quintet—Lavry: Musical Miniatures—Jacobi.

ARMY PROGRAMME (44.6, 216, 229 & 325 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 Music. 7.00 Songs. 7.30 Among the Flags. 8.00 Music. 8.30 News. 8.45 Classical Requests Programme: Symphony No. 4 (Tschaikovsky). 9.30 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS: (24.80, 24.92, 30.53 & 30.90 M.): 7.30-8.00 p.m. News. News Talk. Week's Feature.

VOICE OF AMERICA: English Broadcasts: (16.9, 19.6, 31.4 M.): 5.00-5.30 p.m. Repeated at 8.00-8.30 p.m. on 25.6 & 31.2 M.

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Tel Aviv Port	61	23	33	29
Lydda Airport	54	19	33	33
Jerusalem	55	18	30	30
Beersheba	58	19	33	35
Eilat	13	27	37	38

*A) Humidity at 8 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maximum yesterday D) Maximum temp expected today

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HUNDREDS OF PINE TREES went up in flames near Kibbutz Harel in the Jerusalem Corridor yesterday as the result of a fire caused by pipe welding work there. The loss of trees is estimated at IL.6,000. Near Beit Susin in the Jerusalem Corridor, pine trees valued at IL.1,000 were destroyed as a result of the burning of brush.

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A YOUTH of the Abu-Sarhan tribe in the Negev was brought before Jerusalem Magistrate Weiner yesterday, after he had been detained on suspicion of offering a IL.10 bribe to the policeman who had arrested him for leaving the territorial bounds of his tribe. The Magistrate ordered that the youth be freed on IL.2,000 bail.

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THE MINISTRY of Commerce and Industry plans to import onions, as the local crop was not as large as was expected.

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SOME 300 workers in the Tel Aviv District Office of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry will be dismissed within the next two months, according to an agreement between the management of the office and the workers' committee. Several of the dismissed personnel will be transferred to the Ministry of Finance.

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AS FROM TUESDAY, August 31, all post offices and stamp agencies will sell inland return post cards for 60 pruta, overseas post cards for 70 pruta and overseas return post cards for 140 pruta.

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A GROUP of Franciscan Friars from Canada crossed over from the Old City via Mandelbaum Gate yesterday afternoon. They are expected to remain in the country until Sunday.

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PRIZES TOTALLING IL.1,000 will be distributed by "Shekem" Ltd. to those 28 canteens excelling in quality of service and efficiency. At the end of the year, special prizes of IL.500 will be distributed to the three best canteens from among the 28 winners.

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A HAIFA BOY who shot a toy gun cork at an eight-year-old girl in Rehov Allenby yesterday morning and injured her in the left eye, was detained and later released on bail by the Haifa Police.

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200 STUDENTS from the U.S. and Europe were among the 400 passengers who sailed from Haifa in the s.s. Artsa yesterday. The students had attended a seven-week Jewish Agency summer school. A small number chose to remain in the country.

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A FAMILY of 12 immigrants from Turkey and one newcomer from Persia arrived in Haifa in the s.s. Erzerum yesterday. The ship left for Turkey again in the afternoon with 80 passengers including some emigrants.

CONVICTION REVERSED

The conviction of a Haifa youth for resisting a police officer in the execution of his duty was reversed yesterday in Jerusalem by the Supreme Court sitting as a Court of Appeals. In handing down the decision, the Court held that the arrest of the youth was illegal in the absence of a court order.

The appellant, Rafael Dokorsky, was sentenced to two weeks in prison by the Haifa District Court on suspicion of being involved in a tire robbery. After refusing to hand over his belongings to the police clerk, he was forcibly placed in a prison cell. *(Itim)*

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Israel Defence Army

Histadrut Raising Arab Workers' Living Standards

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — The Histadrut will continue in its endeavours to raise the living standards of the Arab worker, despite the difficulties and disappointments of the past, Mr. Reuven Barkatt, head of the Histadrut Arab Department, stated here today.

He was addressing the first annual conference of the shareholders of the Arab Farmers' and Workers' Fund held in Beit Liessin. The economic level of most Arab farmers in this country was already much higher than that of smallholders in any neighbouring country, Mr. Barkatt said. To maintain the upward trend, the cooperation of the Arab workers must be secured, and the willingness of the Arabs to shoulder responsibilities ascertained, Mr. Barkatt said.

As the majority of Arabs living in Israel were workers, Mr. Barkatt continued, the Histadrut was their closest and most reliable friend. He flayed Communists and the right-wing propagandists alike for spreading unrest among the Arab population for their own political aims.

"They have no regard for the good of the Arab population here," Mr. Barkatt declared. The Histadrut, he added, had done its utmost "in the face of just and unjust demands" to ensure the gradual integration of the Arab population into the general cultural and economic pattern of this country. The results of the first year of the Arab Farmers' and Workers' Fund had proved that this course was a fruitful one.

The proceedings opened an hour late, as Mr. Barkatt was detained by a reception held by the Histadrut Executive for the members of the visiting American Labour delegation.

Mr. M. Namir, Secretary-General of the Histadrut, called on the Arabs of Israel to tighten their ties with the country "for the benefit of all concerned." Mr. Z. Onn, Secretary-General of Hevrat Ovdim, the Histadrut holding company, promised help to the Arab cooperative movement.

The Arab Fund has sold shares for about IL.100,000, according to Mr. Barkatt, who is the chairman of the bank's Board of Directors. Help in establishing the bank came from the Ministry of Labour and the Workers' Bank, as well as directly from the Histadrut Executive. In 1953, the bank leased 1,000 dunams of land from the Development Authority and it leased it in small parcels to farmers.

Knesset Members Seif el-Zu'abi, Sheikh Labib Abu Rukun, Mr. Y. Habushi, of the Ministry of Labour, and Mr. Y. Yitshaki were among the speakers at the meeting.

The touring A.F.L.-C.I.O. delegation attended part of the meeting.

Immigrants Arrive, But Sleep in Open

MIGDAL ASHKELON, Wednesday. — Thirteen new immigrants from Morocco spent their first night here last night under the open sky. On their arrival from Sha'ar Ha'Aliya they found the Amidar offices closed.

After threatening Mr. Menachem Ben David, local Amidar director, who requested their driver to return them to Sha'ar Ha'Aliya, they were taken to nearby ma'bara Gimel.

This is not the first occasion on which immigrants, without prior notification and coordination, have been sent to areas where living quarters are not available.

French Envoy Attends Kibbutz Ceremony

PETAH TIKVA, Wednesday. — A ceremony to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the liberation of Paris from Nazi rule was held at Kibbutz Nahshonim here today in the presence of M. Pierre Gilbert, the French Ambassador, members of the Embassy staff and the Israel-France Friendship League.

About 200 visiting students from France participated in the gathering, which was organized by the Jewish-French Students' Organization. Many arrived from French-speaking communities all over the country.

The French Ambassador spoke in French and Hebrew following the singing of the French national anthem.

HUNGER STRIKE

A former Government watchman, Alexander Kramer, 37, yesterday began his second day of a hunger strike at the offices of the Ministry of Health in Jerusalem in protest against what he claims is insufficient compensation offered him by the Ministry for the loss of his job. The police have already removed him twice from the premises of the Health Ministry but each time he has returned.

Holon Hapoel Returns TA Maccabi Leaves

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — The hoopsters of Holon Hapoel who returned yesterday from a tour of Yugoslavia and Greece lost their last three games in Athens during a week in which no news was received from them. Queried by sports reporters here today, the manager of the basketball team explained the silence by lack of funds for cables.

After beating the Y.M.C.A. team of Salonika, the Israel five, who won four out of six games in Yugoslavia, went down three times in succession. They lost to "Triton" 70-81, to "Olympikos" 41-64, and to "Panalinios" 71-77.

The Tel Aviv Maccabi soccer team which left by LAI for Rome today was reported to be in high spirits expecting to score several wins against their Italian and French adversaries. Their tour will last for about a month. The team is then to return home for preparations for a planned trip to Britain. The footballers left with the strongest team which Maccabi could muster.

Money Changer Gives His Version In 'Romek' Case

"I was in the shop of the watchmaker and money changer, the late Yitzhak Wolpe, when I first met the tourist, who was accompanied by Klein," said Mr. Shimon Deutsch in court yesterday. Mr. Deutsch, a Jerusalem money changer, was testifying before Jerusalem Investigating Magistrate A. Eden in the preliminary enquiry in the case of Reuven "Romek" Grinberg, Ezra Yegnes, Yosef Shaul and Yehuda Tov. The four are accused of attempting to extort IL.6,000 from Mr. Max Klein, owner of the Marein Antique Shop in Jerusalem's Zion Square in December, 1953.

Klein told him, in Wolpe's shop, that the tourist was the brother of the Prime Minister of Honduras and that he had come to his shop in the Swiss Consulate's car, the witness stated. Klein then took from his pocket an envelope containing four cheques and a letter in Spanish, which he said was written by the Honduras bank that had issued the cheques. The numbers and totals of the cheques, which Klein showed the witness, corresponded with those in the letter.

After a few days, Wolpe told the witness that he had paid the tourist IL.2.500 for every dollar. Deutsch declared that he understood from Wolpe that one of the cheques, worth $1.650, he had bought in Klein's presence. The second cheque, worth $1,350 had not been bought with Klein's knowledge.

At the request of Wolpe, Deutsch then went to Klein to find out about the tourist. Klein telephoned the Foreign Ministry to ask why they were not holding a reception for the brother of the Prime Minister of Honduras. According to Klein they told him that a reception would be held either that day or the next. Klein said he was responsible for the man and the cheques.

Deutsch then found a tourist who took the cheques to sell abroad and after two months it became clear, following an announcement by the bank, that the cheques were forged. According to the witness, he got the cheques from Wolpe after giving him a loan of over IL. 5,000. When it became clear that the cheques were forged, the witness told Shlomo Kaplan (who has already testified as State's witness) what had occurred, and Kaplan said that he could fix the matter with the police.

Refused Arbitration

The next day, Kaplan came with Yitzhak Gutman (who has also testified as State's witness), and it was agreed that if they obtained all the money from Klein they would receive 50 per cent and if less, they would get 30 per cent. Deutsch testified that Klein had refused his suggestion of arbitration, saying that the money changer, not he, was the expert on cheques. Deutsch later agreed to arbitration by "Romek" after he understood from Kaplan that "Romek" already knew about the case and would be on Deutsch's side.

The next day the witness went to the "Ophir" restaurant at Kaplan's bidding and met Grinberg, Gutman and Yegnes. Kaplan told him to go to Klein together with Yegnes and to say that Yegnes was the man who had bought the cheques from him. There were two other persons in the shop, when Yegnes and Deutsch entered. One of them resembled Yosef Shaul, Deutsch said. He did not know the other man.

Klein refused Yegnes' request for the money, saying that he was responsible only for the man (the tourist) and not the money. The witness heard glass breaking in the store but he could not say who had broken it. After the witness had told Yegnes that he wanted a few days in which to finish the business with Klein, one of the other two men pushed him into a corner, tore his coat and told him not to mix in. Klein was also pushed into a corner.

At Klein's suggestion, Grinberg was finally called by the witness for the purpose of assuming the responsibility that Klein would appear for arbitration of the matter. After Romek promised to let Yegnes and his friends know the results of the arbitration, the "drama" in the shop ended. It had lasted ten minutes.

Preferred Losing Money

After leaving the store, Deutsch said to Kaplan, "Look what you've done. I never would have agreed to this business even if I had lost all the money."

After the arbitration, Klein paid Deutsch IL.2,000. Deutsch then gave Kaplan IL.300 in accordance with the agreement. Kaplan asked for IL.1.000, threatening that if Deutsch did not pay he would "bring the Tel Avivians to your place." Deutsch then gave Kaplan an additional IL.300.

Under cross-examination by Counsel Y. Hagler, the witness stated that Grinberg had not planned with him any of the things that had happened in the shop, and also that Grinberg had received no money from him. Asked if he thought it possible that the witness had not dialled the Foreign Ministry, as he had claimed, the witness replied that he was convinced that Klein was a liar of the first degree and that he had divided the money with the tourist.

Answering questions by Counsel A. Yegnes, the witness said that on the way to the shop Ezra Yegnes has asked him if he really had been deceived by Klein and that in the store itself no threats were made or force used on Klein except to ask for the "stolen money". Yegnes did not strike Klein and gave no instructions that he should be struck, the witness stated.

The investigation will be continued today.

Artic, Kartiv Price Rises Opposed

Representatives of the Artic-Kartiv ice-cream company and the Ministry of Commerce and Industry are to meet in Tel Aviv today to discuss the recent increases in the price of the company's products, a Ministry spokesman revealed in Jerusalem yesterday.

The price of the chocolate-coated "shalgon" ice-cream bar has been increased twice in the past month, from 75 to 85 prutot and now to 100 prutot, and the popular "shalgon" ices have risen in price from 50 to 70 prutot.

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry strongly objects to the increases which will be felt most during the summer months by families with children. Though the increases will be reflected in the cost-of-living, no allowances are made for them in the Index.

Kiosk owners will benefit by the current price rise since their profit on the chocolate-coated "shalgon" will be increased from 20 to 25 prutot and on the ice "shalgon" from 18 to 24 prutot.

Last season, before the Artic and Kartiv companies merged, the fierce competition prevented price increases. No increases have been announced by the country's smaller ice-cream factories.

The manufacturers report that the increase came mainly from pressure by kiosk owners who demanded a higher profit.

The manufacturers also claim that this summer during peak months, sales dropped by 30 per cent in comparison with last year and the year before.

Mekorot Stops 10% Water Cut

Mekorot stopped its 10 per cent "water strike" at noon yesterday following an agreement with the Finance Ministry, a Jerusalem Municipality spokesman announced.

Under the agreement, which is an outcome of the recent meeting between Mr. Pinhas Sapir, Director-General of the Finance Ministry, and Mr. E. Eliachar, Deputy Mayor of Jerusalem, the Municipality has one week in which to straighten out its financial problems with Mekorot.

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Serlin Confers with Kaufmann On Tel Aviv Sewage Plans

The Kaufmann plan for disposal of Tel Aviv sewage, which is being strongly disputed by Ministry of Health engineers on grounds of economy and utility, will be discussed by the Cabinet on Sunday, it was learned following yesterday's consultation between the Minister of Health, Mr. Y. Serlin, and the English engineer, Mr. Henry Kaufmann, now in Israel in connection with this giant project.

It appears that the plan now under consideration is about IL.10m. cheaper than the original scheme, estimated to cost IL.35m. It is an amended version of one of eight alternative schemes proposed by the English consultant after the original scheme had been rejected as too ambitious.

This new plan provides for a full-scale sewage treatment plant at Reading which would cost IL.4m. more than the primary treatment plan drafted earlier. On the other hand, the plan does not include a sewage outfall of 500 metres into the sea, which Mr. Kaufmann had formerly agreed to construct.

Raw sewage would therefore debouch from the Yarkon on to the beach north of Tel Aviv, and also get sucked into the cooling system of the Palestine Electric power plant. The Ministry of Health is demanding a sea outfall and screening of sewage to prevent most of the pollution.

Tahal Water Planning for Israel is interested in a full treatment plant for Tel Aviv sewage, which Tahal wants to pump southwards at a late stage of the Yarkon-Negev scheme.

Tahal representatives attended a meeting this week of the special technical committee appointed to investigate the Tel Aviv sewage problem, but they virtually sabotaged the discussion by refusing to talk on "technical matters."

The committee recommended that the Health Ministry submit to a "proper Government body" the highly critical report on the Kaufmann plan drawn up by an American firm of consultants. Tahal intended by a "proper body" its own administration.

The Department of Sanitation of the Ministry of Health told the committee that if Tahal removed Yarkon waters above Seven Mills to feed the Yarkon-Negev pipeline, the sewage load below Seven Mills would constitute a danger to public health. The stretch of river is already at saturation point with factory-waste, household rubbish and excreta from Tel Aviv suburbs.

A drop in the dilution of the river would render it a trap for disease. Tahal plans to channel off almost half the river flow by next summer. The Ministry of Health insists that a sewage collector be constructed along the Yarkon immediately to overcome its pollution and render the Tahal scheme safe for Tel Aviv citizens.

Bomb Attempt On Tiberias Mayor's Car

TIBERIAS, Wednesday. — An attempt to blow up the car of the Mayor, Mr. M. Sahar, which, according to the police, might have caused serious bodily injury, was foiled here this morning, when a 10-year-old boy informed the police that he had found a primitive bomb near the Mayor's house. About an hour later, police detained Rafael Ben Kiki, 30. It is expected that he will be brought before the Magistrate on Friday on a charge of attempting to cause damage to property. Police believe that the motive for the futile attempt was a personal quarrel.

I was learned that the boy had found a tin, six centimetres in diameter, in the road near the Mayor's house, where Mr. Sahar's Kaiser-Frazer car is usually parked. The child kicked the tin, and a liquid — either kerosene or gas-oil — drained out. Six revolver bullets of different types also fell out. The bullets were wrapped in a net of string which floated on top of the liquid, keeping them dry. A matchbox filled with black explosive material was tied to the top of the tin, and a cigarette-end was tied on top of the matchbox.

Detectives believe that the perpetrator intended to explode the bomb with the aid of the burning cigarette-end, which was to have lit the explosives. The police laboratory is making an examination of the "bomb."

MURDER WEAPON FOUND

RAMLE, Wednesday. — The pistol with which Shmuel Ramoi is believed to have been killed last Wednesday was found in an empty lot here today, the police have reported. They are holding two men as suspects.

The brother and three sisters of the deceased were questioned by the police yesterday. *(Itim)*

ESCAPEE CAUGHT

TEL AVIV, Wednesday.—Rafael Zubari, who escaped on Monday from a police station in Haifa, was caught while asleep last night in his girl friend's apartment at 17 Rehov Gordon here. He had escaped by jumping barefoot onto a stolen motorcycle.

NEW BEACON AT JAFFA

The Port Engineering Section of the Public Works Department is due to complete the reconstruction of the Jaffa harbour beacon in a few days.

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REWARD

Gingold Funeral In Raanana

KFAR SABA, Wednesday. — The reinterment took place at the Ra'anana cemetery today of Pinhas Gingold, who had been on a mission to educational institutions of Poalei Zion and the Ihud Olami in the U.S. The body was flown from New York yesterday. It had been Mr. Gingold's wish, as one of the founders of Ra'anana, to be buried there.

The *cortege* started from the Histadrut Executive building here, where Mr. Gingold was eulogized by Mr. Yosef Sprintzak, the Knesset Speaker; Mr Avraham Harzfeld, M.K., and Mr. Baruch Ostrowski, Chairman of the Ra'anana Local Council.

President Ben-Zvi was represented by his aide, Sgan Aluf Carmel.

Among the many mourners were the Minister of Finance, Mr. Levi Eshkol; the Secretary General of the Histadrut, Mr. Mordechai Namir, as well as veterans of the Jewish Legion.

4 Held in Robbery

An order for the arrest of four persons suspected of having taken part in the robbery at the Netherlands Legation last Sunday was issued yesterday in the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court.

The suspects were brought to court under guard by plainclothes detectives, and the hearing was conducted behind closed doors at the request of Dr. M. Simon, Chief of Protocol of the Foreign Ministry.

An order for the arrest of a fifth person will shortly be issued. The police are continuing their search for the remainder of the stolen items not yet reported. *(Itim)*

Suspected Hashish Growers Arrested

More than 80 hemp plants used in the production of hashish were discovered by the Economic Police yesterday in the Kastel *ma'bara* near Jerusalem. Two women were arrested on suspicion of being connected with the growing of the plants.

During the morning, the police searched a house in the *ma'bara* but found nothing. A further search of other houses revealed the 80 suspicious hemp plants which later were found to be of the type used to produce hashish. The women claimed that they had used the hemp for the preparation of beverages.

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Food Import Official Held Incommunicado

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — Police, continuing their probe of Mr. D. Silberstein, a leading foodstuffs importer in the country, today detained Mr. O. Shilovsky, chief clerk of a group of foodstuffs importers. They are known as "Group A," whose office address here is the same as that of Mr. Silberstein, and formerly of Mr. N. Gillerman, Director of the Food Imports Department in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, who is being questioned by police.

It would appear that the investigation of Mr. Silberstein, on suspicion of breaking financial regulations is branching out.

The first part of the lengthy investigation ended today with the release of Mr. Silberstein. He was freed in IL.10,000 bail after being detained for 12 days under guard in a Ramat Gan Hotel.

In connection with the investigation of Mr. Gillerman, the following statement was issued today by Deputy Superintendant O. Liff who is directing the probe:

"Mr. N. Gillerman, Director of the Foodstuffs Import Department in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, was asked yesterday to give explanations to the Economic Department of Police Headquarters on the connections between Mr. Silberstein and his Department.

"Mr. Gillerman has not yet returned to his official duties. He remains at the disposal of the police and is held incommunicado."

It is alleged that the connection between Mr. Silberstein and the Import Department may have netted the importer lucrative licences for the importation of wheat and fodder. Mr. Silberstein is said in trade circles to have made large amounts of money on imports of foodstuffs in the past two years. Informed circles believe that the police investigation centred on alleged evasions on Silberstein's part in turning over to the Government Foreign currency earned, and in income tax irregularities.

Mr. Gillerman, who took up his Government post in April 1952, was a leading foodstuffs importer at the time, and had his offices near those of the Palestine Overseas Trading Company which Mr. Silberstein heads. Mr. Gillerman's brother, David, is an active fodder importer.

RABBIS VISIT VILLAGES IN "AWAKENING" TOURS

"Pilgrimages of awakening" under the auspices of the Ministry for Religious Affairs will take place as in previous years during the Hebrew month of Elul, until the High Holy Days, the Ministry announced yesterday.

During the period, Rabbis will tour the *ma'barot* and villages, preaching the observance of the Sabbath, kashrut and other religious precepts.

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Rosen Handed Tivon Committee Report

The Inquiry Committee which has been investigating the death of Amos Tivon, a Gadna youth, on a hike in May, submitted its findings to Mr. Pinhas Rosen, the Minister of Justice, yesterday.

Mr. Rosen is to submit the report to the Cabinet, after which it will be decided whether to publish it.

Le'Ahdut Avoda To Meet in TA

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — The Le'ahdut Ha'avoda—Poale Zion Party is to meet here next Wednesday to elect its various committees and bodies.

COMPROMISE SEEN ON BUS FARES

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — The Government is prepared for some compromise in the dispute over fares with the bus cooperatives, it was learned tonight from Mr. S. Goren, of the Cooperative Centre, who acts as mediator.

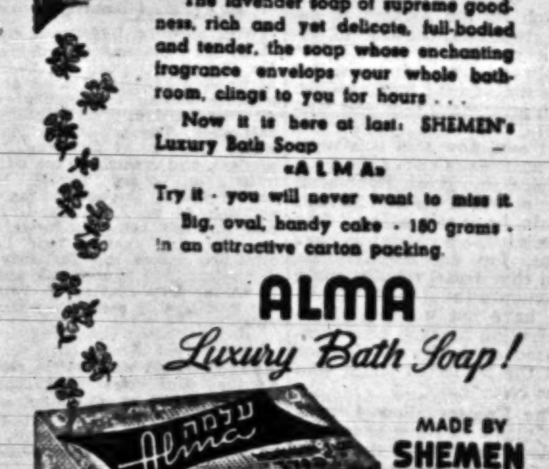
No further details were revealed tonight as the various Government proposals are subject to negotiations. However, it is clear that whatever the arrangement is, fares will not rise. The managements of the three cooperatives are meeting for a final session on the issue tomorrow morning.

Cables in Brief

CRASH. — A "Swift" jet plane, Britain's newest and fastest fighter in service, crashed into a wood near Newmarket, England, yesterday after the pilot had baled out. "Swifts" were grounded for some time after a crash last May.

ADVISER. — The British Overseas Airways Corporation announced last night that Sheikh Najib el-Amuddin, of Beirut, accepted an appointment as their adviser on Middle East affairs. He will advise on the changing economic scene in the Middle East where the Corporation owns interests in a number of airlines, and what routes should be developed.

ASSOCIATION. — Former British officers and warrant officers of Jordan's Arab Legion have formed an association which will arrange regular social gatherings, including an annual dinner.



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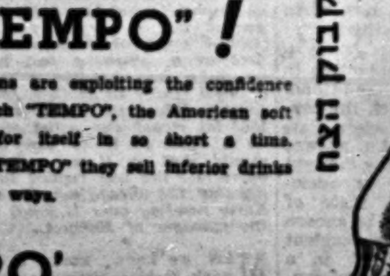

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THE LAW OF RETURN

THE basic idea underlying the Law of Return was fundamental to the whole concept of Zionism which derived from the hypothesis that no matter how long the dispersion had endured and no matter how deeply Jews everywhere had penetrated into the life of the Diaspora land in which they lived, no matter how widely divergent they had become from other Jews scattered throughout the world, the Jewish people still remained and was a unity. Thus, the assimilated Jew lolling on his bench in the House of Lords was still as much for ever and inseparably a member of the Jewish people as the sore-ridden beggar crouching in the gutter in one of the mellahs of Casablanca. For all of them, said basic Zionist theory, one common insecurity existed; the Jewish homelessness. Even the Jew who escaped physical persecution could not escape the tragedy of losing his Jewishness, of becoming a slave to alien creeds in the midst of his supposed freedom.

Therefore, when the Jewish State came into being, one of the primary laws it first laid down was that its gates would always be open without any qualification to every Jew who sought entry. It was not only the basic ideas of Zionism which dictated this law. The experience of the fifteen years from 1933 when the bitter power of the consulate and the visa was burned anew into the Jewish consciousness, led to a reaction in which a Jew who wanted to go to Israel would at least not have to ask more than once, and that from his own people.

It was a great conception. In practice, unfortunately, it did not work so well. Since no Immigration authority had the right to refuse any Jew admission, the country, in some instances, became the reception depot for deported and refugee criminals whom no other country (not even that in which they were born) would take in. There was another even more flagrant abuse. A number of stateless Jews came here, only to acquire a travel document and then leave again, thus using the Law of Return for a purpose for which it was never intended. It was these and other considerations which led the Knesset to decide to amend the Law of Return so that it should not apply to known criminals. But this amendment was received with great hesitation and misgiving. The religious Jew felt that somehow this was writing some Jews out of the book despite the great Rabbinical maxim which states "Though he sin, he is still a Jew." And certainly these misgivings have force, for did not Zionism hold that Israel rebuilt would regenerate the Jewish people, and have not wonders of regeneration in fact been performed on backward Jewries and the neglected youth who have come here?

The Knesset allowed itself the luxury of being practical, if inconsistent from the point of view of purist Zionist theory, in its acceptance of the third reading of the amendment to the Law of Return. As a result, the British extradition law of 1881 which was still in force here needed replacing by new legislation since now there could not be the same objection as heretofore to handing over Jewish criminals to countries abroad which wanted them. But this law was rightly hedged around with safeguards to protect the rights of Jews even when they were so extradited.

With all this, it is difficult to adjust ourselves to the changes in the traditional Jewish outlook which the condition of being a modern state forces upon us. An answer might be found in the thought that to be a Jew is essentially a spiritual state of mind; the claim to be chosen should not lie in an accident of physical birth but in a reality of planned ethical conduct. Jews in this sense of the word have nothing to fear from the amended Law of Return or the Extradition Bill.

Dutch Pained at Thailand's Bid for U.N. Chairmanship

By HENRIETTE BOAS

AMSTERDAM. — THE sudden emergence of Prince Wan Waithayakon of Thailand as American-supported, counter-candidate of Dutch Mr. E. N. van Kleffens for the Chairmanship of the ninth U.N. General Assembly has caused pained surprise in Dutch circles.

Mr. van Kleffens an expert in international law and procedure and a man of the strictest impartiality and of great erudition who was Netherland's Foreign Minister in the London Cabinet from 1940 to 1945 and has been, in addition to Dutch Minister to Portugal, Netherlands delegate to the U.N. Assemblies ever since Dumbarton Oaks and San Francisco, had been slated for many months to be Chairman for the forthcoming U.N. General Assembly. Politically, the nations of the Brussels pact felt that this year's chairmanship should go to one of their representatives, as last year, and twice before it had gone to Asia, in the person of Mrs. Lakhshmi Pandit. Also, only once so far, in 1946 had a representative of a European country, M. Paul-Henri Spaak of Belgium, been in the chair.

U.S. About Face

At that time, the United States had expressed full sympathy for this candidacy which, it added it could not yet openly support only because of its established policy not to support any candidate before the General Assembly actually starts. But when at the end of July Prince Wan of Thailand, who had been a counter-candidate against Mrs. Lakshmi the year before, suddenly set himself up as a competitor to Mr. van Kleffens, the United States made it known that they would support Prince Wan.

The U.S. while it fully appreciates the personal qualities of Mr. van Kleffens, (who, it is added, may receive U.S. support at some future date) claims that Prince Wan, who belongs to an Asiatic country, is more suitable as chairman of the forthcoming Assembly, on whose agenda Asiatic problems will figure largely. Another important part of the discussions will be devoted to 'colonial' problems such as Tunisia and Morocco, and thus, according to the State Department, a 'non-colonial' power must be preferred as chairman.

Whether an Asiatic chairman is really better and more impartial in debate on Asiatic problems that a non-Asian is of course open to question. As to Holland's 'colonial' empire, hardly a vestige of it remains.

The real reason is probably that, in view of present developments in the Far East, the United States wants to emphasize the position of Siam, which today is in the first defence line in South-East Asia. Further, as last year the U.S., for political reasons, supported Mrs. Lakhshmi against Prince Wan, it may now have to do something to keep him in a good mood.

Wan's Line

Prince Wan has obligingly pointed out that Mr. van Kleffens, as an expert international lawyer, would be much more suitable as next year's chairman, when the revision of the U.N. Charter is to be discussed. As it is known that the Latin American countries claim the chairmanship for next year, the Siamese prince then visited the chief Netherlands permanent delegate to the U.N., Mr. D. J. von Balluseck, suggesting that, if Holland withdrew Mr. van Kleffens' candidacy, he would assure it of the support of the large majority of the Asiatic countries next year. The Dutch did not accept this suggestion, for they feel matters have now got to a point where it is too late to withdraw.

Wan, argues that as many 'Europeans' have been chairmen as 'Asians' so far, because Mr. Evatt from Australia and Mr. Pearson from Canada should also be considered 'Europeans'. In an interview with the New York correspondent of the 'Telegraaf' he added: "I agree that I entered the race much later than your Van Kleffens. But I do not feel that I rob Europe of its rightful turn. At this moment, moreover, my candidacy is psychologically correct."

A chairman of the U.N. General Assembly must receive 31 votes. Holland seems already to be certain of the support of 16 or 17 countries, among which are most West-European nations and two Asian states. In addition to the U.S., most Asiatic countries, and also the Arab bloc, are likely to support Prince Wan. An uncertain factor are the Latin American countries. For a short while, Chile had proposed to put up a Chilean as a compromise candidate for whom all Latin American countries would vote, but this proposal did not obtain a majority. The Latin American countries will not put up a united front.

Nature Notes

Fine Old Conifer Family

THE names of only two conifers occur in the Bible — *eres* and *brosh* — but even these are mentioned as characteristic of the Lebanon. Today the cedar is called *eres* and the cypress *brosh*, although according to the authorities the latter should be referred to as *shurbin*, while the word *brosh* should denote the juniper bush (Juniperus drupacea).

The cypress, so characteristic of the landscape on the northern shores of the Mediterranean, is related to the cedar, but the upright species has a shape shared only by the popular — that of a slender cone and luckily most landscape artists are alive to its beauty. There is a horizontal cypress, too, which branches out almost like a cedar, and often enough, the seedlings being alike, spoils the look of a row of upright cypresses: It is quite a fine tree when grown singly, but not to be compared with its majestic sweep of boughs, or to its graceful upright sister.

Israel now has many other conifers, notably pines which have been brought in from beyond our borders like most of our other trees. Fine old groves of Aleppo pines (oranim) already exist on Mt. Carmel, and it is this variety, which thrives everywhere, but grows slowly, that is mainly planted in our afforestation programme. European varieties of fir, with their tiny, dark needles, so characteristic of the Alps and other mountain regions, will not grow here.

P. A.

Vargas Held Power by Force

Brazilian Strongman Was Made, Broken by Military

By CORREA DE SA

RIO DE JANEIRO (UP). — GETULIO Vargas ruled Brazil for 17 years. Having risen to power by dint of a military revolution in 1930, he was first ousted by the armed forces in 1945. Two years ago he made a dramatic electoral comeback by constitutional means and held office until he resigned and shot himself this week.

GETULIO VARGAS

Vargas was born in 1883, in the city of Sao Porja, state of Rio Grande do Sul — a region of the bank of the Uruguay River.

Vargas first studied at a private school. In 1899 he volunteered for the army, and in the same year was promoted to the rank of a second-sergeant. In 1900 he entered the Red Pardo Military School, and in 1903 the Porto Alegre Law School. Four years later he was chosen orator of his class.

Vargas was eventually appointed public prosecutor but resigned in 1908. A year later, he began his political career, being elected State Deputy by his native city's constituency. Re-elected for several legislatures, Vargas devoted himself to budget questions, and in 1923, when political revolution broke out in his state, Vargas formed and commanded the 7th Provisional Corps with the rank of a Lieutenant-Colonel.

In the same year Vargas was elected Federal Deputy for the state of Rio Grande do Sul and his mandate was renewed in the following legislature, when he was invested with the leadership of the "Gauchos" (the inhabitants of Rio Grande do Sul) benches in the legislature. Three years later, in 1926, President Washington Luiz, when inaugurating his government, extended to Vargas an invitation to join the cabinet as his Finance Minister. Vargas stayed for only one year at the Ministry of Finance and then resigned in order to take over the presidency of his native state, to which he had been elected for a six-year term (1928—1933).

In 1929, a liberal party, the Alianca Liberal, was founded, with direct support from the states of Minas Gerais, Rio Grande do Sul and Parajba. Vargas was chosen as the Alianca's candidate for the approaching presidential contest, whose outcome would decide the presidency for the 1928-1933 period. Elections were held in March, 1930, and although they were generally acknowledged fraudulent, Julio Prestes' election was conceded. The three States which had formed Alianca Liberal, immediately resorted to a military rebellion, which began on October 3. Twenty days later, 14 of the 20 Brazilian states had joined the rebels, and on October 24, Washington Luiz was ousted. A military "junta" was set up, and handed power to Getulio Vargas.

As his first measures, Vargas dissolved parliament, revoked the 1891 constitution and took over the nation's government. But two years later, Sao Paulo rose in arms against Vargas' dictatorship' supported by various groups all over the country. The rising was overcome after bitter fighting. The "Paulistas," as the rebels came to be known, pressed the issue of the country's return to a constitutional [illegible], with a new constitution, parliament and presidential elections. The defeated rebels' claims were only partly met.

Vargas brought into existence the Ministry of Education and Public Health and the Ministry of Labour, Industry and Trade. On the other hand, he started a programme of minimum expenditures and drafted the first labour legislation.

After the 1933 elections, the National Constituent Assembly was held and in 1934, it elected Getulio Vargas — then "provisional" President — legal president of the country. In 1937, alleging that the "Communist danger" threatened to sweep the nation, Vargas demanded "a state of war against Communism," and for the second time dissolved parliament and abolished the 1934 constitution. On the same occasion he issued a new constitution which closely resembled Poland's.

Getulio Vargas again succeeded in quelling two subversive movements in 1935 and 1937: The former of a Communist nature, which had the support of several brigades in Natal, Recife and Rio — the latter of a Nazi-Fascist nature, carried out by the "Green-Shirts" or "Integralistas," who attempted through a sensational "putsch" to kill the dictator.

When the "New State" was established in 1937, Vargas created the Air Ministry, organized the Volta Redonda iron plant, the largest in South America, the National Motor Works and Lagoa Santa's aircraft works. But he also imposed on the nation the unfortunately famous Press Department which gagged the country's press and radio over a period of nine years.

At the beginning of World War II, Vargas had been flirting with the Axis powers, as was clearly indicated in his speeches of that period. However pressed by the people and coerced into action by the attacks of Nazi submarines against Brazilian ships (and ultimately by the U.S. war declaration on the Axis powers) Vargas controlled his totalitarian bent and gradually changed his stand to the point where finally he made a formal declaration of war on Germany and Italy, and later on Japan, Brazilian troops were sent to Europe.

LACERDA

Under the pressure of public opinion, Vargas announced that general elections would be held for the presidential succession, but soon afterwards he tried another *coup d'etat* in October 1945, with the intention of postponing elections. However he was left without support and overthrown by a joint movement of the army, navy and the air forces. Yet, participating in the electoral race, Vargas was elected a Senator for two states and Deputy for seven, which clearly indicated his popularity among the poorer classes, which knew him as "the father of the poor." (While the conservative classes called him 'mother of the rich.' During his tenure not only were advanced labour laws passed, but also large fortunes quickly made).

Vargas' death climaxed three weeks of mounting political crisis during which the Air Force had won growing support for its demands that he resign. The crisis was precipitated by the attempted assassination of Mr. Carlos Lacerda, a Rio de Janeiro journalist who opposed the Vargas regime. Mr. Lacerda escaped, though wounded, but the attempt led to the accidental fatal shooting of an Air Force officer, Major Rubens Vaz.

Yesterday's Press

American People Must Be Told About Arabs

"Hatzofe" (World Mizrahi Union) comments on the present foreign policy discussions in the Cabinet and in the Foreign Ministry, and says that a sustained information campaign about the Arab governments, their stability and their political intentions may contribute much to a change in American public opinion. The paper calls for caution in Israel's foreign policy and stresses that the U.S. is a great democratic country which contains the largest Jewish community in the world and was the first to recognize Israel.

"Haboker" (General Zionist) says that full compensation for Jewish property stolen in Iraq and other Arab countries should be one of the demands on the basis of which any future settlement of the refugees issue must be made. Since the Secretary of the Arab League has already welcomed Mr. Hammarskjoeld's declaration that peace between Jews and Arabs was now impossible and interpreted it as approval of the Arab stand, the paper expresses regret about the Prime Minister's statement on Arab refugees, which may be construed as an undertaking to pay unilateral idemnification.

"Herut" complains that though the Herut faction in the Knesset had demanded a foreign policy debate and was promised one within a fortnight, it has not been held so far. "Davar" (Histadrut) comments on the establishment of new municipal councils and says that the Government should encourage such local initiative on the part of agricultural settlements, particularly in the Negev.

"Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) attacks "Ha'aretz" for its "Yarkon campaign" and says that only groups who do not care for the development of this country would wish to make this a major issue and influence the public against it. The experts have given full consideration to any effects the implementation of the irrigation projec might have in Northern Tel Aviv.

"Ha'aretz" (Independent) comments on the threatened demonstration at the invalid camps in Pardess Hanna and says that it had not been a good idea to concentrate the immigrants suffering from chronic diseases at one place from the first. Among other things, this impeded their adaptation to a more normal mode of life, and created an unhealthy atmosphere.

"Kol Ha'am" (Communist) accuses "Al Hamishmar" of having "censored" Tass, the Soviet news agency, with regard to the arrival of the delegation of Israel Communist women in Moscow. The Mapam paper, on the other hand, charges "Kol Ha'am" with plagiarism. "Zmanim" (Progressive) comments on the departure of the Israel delegation for the conference of the Inter-parliamentary union.

Helicopters New U.S. Striking Force

By NORMAN LINDHURST

HEIDELBERG, (NANA). — REVOLUTIONARY helicopter-borne striking forces are being developed by the United States Army in Germany to fight the atomic war of the future. American commanders believe that the conventional road-bound army is doomed. They see the helicopter as its only salvation.

Since the first tentative employment of the helicopter in Korea, the U.S. Army has made tremendous headway towards the creation of "helicopter armies" — small, lightly armed striking forces with lightning mobility. Just now, the emphasis is on using helicopters for battlefield supply. They haul gasoline, ammunition and food. They drop commandos in the enemy's rear. They do reconnaissance, and evacuate the wounded. They withdraw units cut off by enemy forces.

Three helicopters can accomplish miracles in supplying an infantry battalion on shuttle flights between the supply point and the unit's position in the field. A "whirlybird" can carry 32 22-litre "jerry cans" in a net sling, drop them to an isolated unit and carry the empty cans back to the supply point, doing in 20 minutes what it would take a truck two hours to accomplish.

Gen William M. Hoge, the U.S. commander-in-chief in Germany, is one of the strongest advocates of helicopter tactics to counter atomic warfare. A corps commander in Korea, he recalls that "we accomplished miracles with a few helicopters." His helicopter generals believe that the days of vast supply columns and endlessly varied weapons have been ended by the thermonuclear era.

The infantryman's rising standard of battlefield living, made possible by the advance in motor transport between World War I and II, is also due to suffer. Helicopter warfare, as the generals point out, will probably mean a return to the theory of the self-contained soldier, travelling light — but fast.

Slow and ungainly as the helicopter now is, in Germany it has proved far less vulnerable to attack than trucks. Flying by ground contact, the "eggbeaters" can move at night; they can fly low, keeping out of radar cover and they can resort to a greater range of evasive tactics than any road vehicle.

At present, the U.S. Army in Germany counts its helicopters in the tens, but the number is growing rapidly. Soon, fleets of hundreds will be available to shuttle supplies and troops from one area of the battlefield to another.

As helicopters become larger and more numerous, the helicopter generals predict, the air-drop of supplies, equipment and paratroops from transport planes will become obsolete. Even now, using flying boxcar-type cargo aircraft and new parabolic parachutes, Hoge's forces drop, almost as a matter of routine, gasoline and heavy-equipment, including 105-millimetre artillery pieces.

KEEPING POSTED

THE recently introduced toll on all consignments entering the Old City through the Damascus Gate has caused much annoyance among the population, *Al Jihad* (Holy War) reported this week. The toll is the Municipality's way of financing its services, and consists of ten mils levied on every parcel or basket passing through the main entrance to the Old City. It is now seriously being put forward on this side that a rope be stretched across the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem road at Romema and a similar levy exacted to help our municipality settle its water bills.

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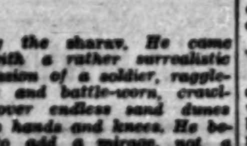
HALF crazed with thirst and the heat this week we couldn't think of anything in particular for our artist to illustrate so we asked him to give an impression of a Jerusalemite



during the sharav. He came up with a rather surrealistic impression of a soldier, raggle-taggle and battle-worn, crawling over endless sand dunes on his hands and knees. He began to add a mirage, not a palmed oasis or a swimming pool or a gleaming bar, but merely a man handing a wad of legal tender to another gentleman. When we asked what that bit meant our artist gave us a look as if to say we should shut up if we couldn't appreciate art and replied surlily that the mirage was Mayor Kariv handing over IL.40,000 to the manager of Mekorot.

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MAN we know, works in a bank, prides himself rather on his station in life, found himself suddenly called up and buried slap into the middle of the war games. What's more, was transferred as duty driver to a strange unit, where he didn't know a soul. Didn't like the look of them either; dirty, unwashed lot, just in from the hills, stained khakis and crumpled fools' caps. As any soldier knows, men from another unit look suspicious, brutal, dirty and ill-disciplined. Well, took a look at himself, didn't look much better, went over to join them, rather condescendingly, found them discussing the four-per cent clause, the progress of the State, pros and cons of full Hebrew education for children and whether they should be raised in another language at home, and the Schatz exhibition in Jerusalem. Most of the scruffy crew turned out to be camouflaged bank managers, school teachers and assistant lecturers. Should have all been put in a camouflage unit, he says.

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LAST week Kibbutz Ha'on, on the other side of Lake Kinneret, let down its hair and set the table for hundreds of guests when a quadruple wedding was celebrated. Four very young couples were married in the fields on a stage big enough to hold a gigantic chupa, numerous chupa-holders and a rabbi. The parents walked down an aisle in the swathes and the couples arrived on a tractor.

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WE have just heard of a young woman who got engaged to a kibbutznick and went to a good deal of trouble to become a member of his settlement some weeks before the wedding, even though she was still living in town in the meantime. When her city friends asked her why she had to go to all the trouble she replied that her man certainly couldn't be expected to marry a girl from town, but had to marry a kibbutznick.

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REPORTS are seeping in of two knights of the road, not in chain-mail but in snappy flannels and snow-white shirts, who are rescuing motorists in distress before vanishing into thin air. One reader writes that his small car conked out between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv in the heat, and large doses of water and well-directed kicks failed to elicit any response from it. After hours of signalling in vain to cars, he was just about resigned to carrying his wife to the nearest settlement for the night when two smart young men pulled up, jumped out of their car, stuck their heads under the smoking bonnet, fished out a burnt coil, rewound it, started the car, started their own and pulled away with an airy wave, declining all thanks. It was nothing, they said, they had fixed three other cars that afternoon.

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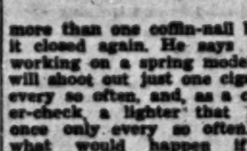
CONSTANT Reader complains that the time-lock cigarette case described in last Friday's *Jerusalem Post* would never stop a really determined chain-smoker, who, once the case was open, would probably snatch



more than one coffin-nail before it closed again. He says he is working on a spring model that will shoot out just one cigarette every so often, and, as a counter-check, a lighter that lights once only every so often. But what would happen if the lighter blew out before one could light the cigarette? Total hysteria might result. WE are working on a lighter that shoots lighted cigarettes.

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Readers' Letters

MANDATORY PENSIONS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Upon the termination of the Mandate, the Mandatory Government published several circulars and press communiques on the benefits and compensations that civil servants of Palestine would enjoy. In paras. 7 and 8 of Staff Circular No. 2/48 of February 28, 1948, and in Appendices II and III thereto, the benefits payable to officers for "loss of career" were outlined.

Now, over six years after the termination of the Mandate, that obligation has not yet been met. Such treatment of ex-civil servants is intolerable in a civilized country and I wonder whether the Government has a moral or legal right to allow it to drag on so long.

Yours, etc.,
Haifa. *PENSIONER*

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — The pension of a Mandatory official is figured in "Palestine pounds." Since 1948, we have been receiving LP.1=IL.1 despite the fact that the Government, in the meantime, has twice raised the rate of exchange for the pound sterling which, for purposes of exchange, equals the "Palestine pound." In 1952, the rate of exchange was fixed at IL.2.800 for £1 and in 1953, the rate was again changed to IL.5.040 for £1.

Repeated representations to the Ministry of Finance has had no result except the granting of c-o-l allowance which now stands at a bit above IL.1 for £1. The Ministry flatly turned down our demand that it pay pensions at the official rate of exchange although in neighbouring countries, pensions are paid to ex-Mandatory officials at the current rate of exchange of their respective countries.

The average pension is about £12 a month — with the c-o-l allowance, it adds up to IL.25. In many cases these pensions are the only income of an elderly man and his wife. We are not asking for charity but for justice — men and women who gave many years of their life to public service are entitled to something more than a starvation allowance.

Yours, etc.,
PENSIONERS' ASSOCIATION,
ex-Mandatory Government Officials.
Nazareth.

Ministry Replies

The Financial Agreement signed on March 30, 1950, between the Government of Israel and the British Government provided for the payment by the Government of Israel of the pensions awarded to officials of the former Government of Palestine who resided in Israel on the above-mentioned date. The Government of Israel has been paying and continues to pay regularly the pensions in question. As from 1.10.1950, the Ministry of Finance has been paying the pensions at an augmented rate which takes into account the increase in the cost-of-living.

The pensioner's letter raises the question of special compensation. The British Government has decided that the pensioners concerned are entitled to it. However, the question whether Israel or Britain should bear the expenditure is still the subject of discussion between the two governments.

The Government of Israel is doing all it can in order that the rights of officials of the former Mandatory Government resident in Israel be fully respected.

Yours, etc.,
Dr. A. NEEMAN
Accountant General
Jerusalem, August 22, 1954.

'SPLINTER' PARTIES

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Mr. Sharett would be well advised to stick to his guns and not to permit the "splinter" parties to intimidate his Government with threats to withhold their support on the floor of the Knesset. If the Government has been able to put through a uniform education law and other bills opposed by small but vociferous minorities, it should weather this new tempest in a teapot.

There is no earthly reason why Israel needs four religious parties all of which are Orthodox. If they cannot get together on one party and one programme, they should fall by the wayside at the next election. No party deserves its name unless it can show at least a vote of ten per cent.

In a nation where everyone wants to lead, the forces of disintegration are at work through the splinter parties. The U.S. is doing fairly well with a two-party system. England is getting by with a two-party system; so is Canada and most other democracies. The only exception is France with its half-a-dozen parties and a new government every three or four months.

Everything which unites the country is good and every movement that divides it further is bad for the entire country. The dissolution of the small parties and the concentration of the power in three parties, a right-wing, a centre and a left-wing party, is a must and must be grappled with now.

Yours, etc.,
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